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### THE INVENTION

#### ZIPPED FOOTBALL BOOT

Relates to a concealed self covering zip, with elasticated support/fit replacing the lace in football boots. Football is now more popular than ever before. More and more children are taking up the sport at an early age. There has, however, been a problem with children in the age group of 5 - 10 year olds relacing up their footwear to play football in. Many children cannot lace/unlace their footwear. It becomes more of a problem if there is no adult present to assist them and even more exasperating in wet or cold weather. This can prevent problems for coaching staff/teachers as precious time is wasted tying/retying laces that become undone. This concept removes the problem and also provides additional benefits, easy on/off capability, no pressure point discomfort and eliminated injury risk of players tripping over undone laces.

## Background of the invention

The invention relates to a football boot with a zip replacing the laces.

The football boot with laces is in worldwide use and worn by young and old alike but the lace itself has certain disadvantages.

Many children cannot lace or unlace their footwear. It becomes more of a problem

If there is no adult present to assist them and even more exasperating in wet or cold

weather. This can present problems for coaching staff or teachers as precious time is

wasted tying and retying laces that have become undone. The latter is also a problem

for teenagers and adults.

There is also the problem of the lace becoming knotted, being broken or stepping on

untied laces.

## Brief summary of the invention

To replace the laces in football boots with a zip.

The object of this invention is to eliminate the problems and disadvantages of a laced football boot and allow both the young and old to be able to slip the football boot on and off with no problems.

This concept removes any previous problems and also provides additional benefits, easy on/off capability, no pressure point discomfort and eliminate injury risk of players tripping over undone laces.

Children would not need assistance to lace or unlace their boots and no time would be wasted due to laces becoming undone or knotted.

### Detailed description of the invention

The football boot consists of a concealed self covering zip closure - replacing laces.

A retainer strap over the zip - secured with velcro to ensure zip remains closed.

An elastic gusset either side of boot - for width fitting comfort

A velcro secured tongue with velcro either side to fold over the strap and cover zip

closure for a smooth flat surface and to protect the zip.